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capable of utilising their ideas." There is much truth in this, but also it is the common experience of the world that the exceptional man does not come when he is wanted for; but that from age to age particular epochs have been marked above others for their abnormal development of the exceptional. It is only at rare intervals in the world's history that a CAESAR, a KARL, or a NAPOLEON, not to speak of a DANTE, or a SHAKESPEARE, has appeared on the face of this lower world; and when he has come he has set at naught all the fetters that bind ordinary men. The nineteenth century was marked by its production of the exceptional: RUMFORD, DAVY, TYNDALL, HUXLEY, DARWIN, and KELVIN form a galaxy of which any century may be proud. They were not produced by any process of evolution; like the poet they were born not made; and we must be content, now that for the most part they are past to use the best means we can to follow their methods. Perhaps the last spark of that indomitable spirit which compels a man, will he will, to launch out into the unknown regardless of the storm-warnings that hold back the ordinary individual, was afforded in the person of the President, who has boldly ventured into the unknown depths that surround the beginnings of heat. Here, as Professor Dewar showed, the task is a parabolic one. Lord KELVIN on scientific data which have never been disproved, and seldom seriously as sailed, calculated the absolute minimum of temperature at 273 degrees, centigrade below the melting point of ice. Professor DEWAR has in his recent work actually reached down to the boiling point of hydrogen, and it might seem a light matter to bridge this apparently insignificant gap of 20 degrees—something less than often separates one spring day from another—yet in all probability the passage is beset with more real difficulties than have been incurred in the forcible extinction of the other two hundred and odd. The interval conceals mysteries amongst the most profound in nature, and of these difficulties we are only just beginning to have a mere glance. So a few years ago an accident revealed to Professor ROENTGEN the existence of a new series of ethereal vibrations of which up till then men, from the imperfection of their senses, had remained ignorant; but this discovery has been the fruitful mother of other researches, with the result that we now find ourselves on the margin of other unknown realms ripe for the entrance of the explorer. The want is not, as the ignorant or half-hearted is apt to judge, of genius to conquer but of the able and exceptional man, who throwing the scabbard away will recklessly, but withal with knowledge, cast himself into the narrow way.

But if this interest in science seems to have in a measure cooled down from its one time heat, it is curious to note that it is but turned in another direction. For many years geographical exploration into both Arctic and Antarctic regions seemed to have died out; men would not take the trouble, or even feared the consequences. At present we find the most active minds turning again to the old problem, and again the Arctic explorer is the hero of the hour. Perhaps there is some compensation in this for the apparent neglect of pure science. The chance discovery of a fossil form in Cook's Island in the midst of the Pacific Ocean almost identical with another in Patagonia, which ten or twelve years ago would have been received with actual hostility, as upsetting the theories of a WALLACE that the world was always as it is, now meets with encouragement as a sort of first-fruit of Antarctic discovery. Perhaps we have only changed the venue, and our next exceptional man may arise with surroundings altogether dissimilar from any in the past. The British Association even may have passed its day, but we have too great confidence in the torch of science to believe in the possibility of its extinction.

The Hongkong Rifle Association held a competition to-day, at 2.30 p.m., for the Nursery Cup and spoons.

Owing to the pressure on our space to-day, some interesting local matter will be found on page 5.

We are requested to state that the departure of the P.M. steamer Korea has been postponed till to-morrow, at daylight.

The British iron barge Grosvenor, 516 tons registered, was put up to auction by Mr. Geo. F. Lammet yesterday, and sold for \$9,000. Capt. Brown of Honolulu is the purchaser.

We are informed that the following arrangements have been made for holding a Sunday school and occasional services for children in the Peak Church: A service for children will be held on first Sunday of each month by the Rev. C. H. Hidding, of the Union Church, and on the last Sunday of each month by the Rev. F. T. Johnson, of St. John's Cathedral. On the remaining Sundays of each month a Sunday school will be held by Mrs. Benson and Mrs. Pritchard. This "undemonstrationalising" of the Peak Church, we take it, is a new feature. It should interest some of our readers.

A telegram to the Osaka Mainichi, dated London, December 1st, says:—It is authoritatively declared in Moscow that Port Arthur will henceforward be purely a fortress.

Aga Khan, the Mahomedan leader, returned to Bombay last month. In an interview he gave a glowing account of the Coronation. He was specially impressed by the Naval Review.

The Shanghai Times, with apparent seriousness, published the following as a special telegram:—London, Dec. 7.—An American scientist is said to have announced the discovery of the microbe of laziness.

A native beggar boy was found last month horribly mutilated in a lane at Poona. From the signs of offerings, the theory is advanced that it is a case of living sacrifice by a fanatic, according to a Bombay despatch.

As a mere matter of arithmetic a dollar at 1/8 fixed would be delightfully simple, says the Singapore Free Press. Twelve to the £; same value as guinea; five rupees equal four dollars; five dollars equal three dollars; five Straits dollars equal two American Dollars; five dollars equal (nearly) four yen. Calculations would be marvellously simplified.

The Sandakan correspondent of the Singapore Free Press writes:—It is stated that the amalgamation of the Borneo Hardwood Co., Ltd., with the China-Borneo Co., Ltd., is now an accomplished fact, and that the title of the new concern will be the latter. The timber business is not particularly satisfactory just now, but there are some slight indications that things are on the upward trend again.

At a regular meeting of the Ararat Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, held on the 10th ult., Bro. G. P. Lammet, was duly installed as W. C. N. for the ensuing year, by P. C. N. Wor. Bro. J. Bryant, Wor. Bro. Lammet, then appointed and invested his officers as follows:—S.W., Bro. F. W. Edwards; J.W., Bro. G. G. Barnett; Treas., Bro. I. A. Wheel; Sec., Bro. Jas. Lockard, P.C.N., S.D., Bro. W. Kent; J.D., Bro. G. Patton; and Guardian, Bro. Brand.

The Bangkok Times of the 28th ult. says that the local banks were doing no business. A meeting of the rice-millers was called. The Borneo Co. shut down their rice mills, and Messrs. Markwald & Co. The Banks submitted the following claims to the Government:—Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, £150,000. The Chartered Bank, £100,000. The Banque de l'Indo-Chine, 1,500,000 francs. The firms are asking the Banks if they are to be held to contracts made. Nothing, however, is likely to be settled for the next two or three days.

The Shanghai Mercury has received through an outpost correspondent a copy of a placard issued by the Kolokohi society and posted throughout Chongchow, Hunan, the scene of the recent murder of two British missionaries. The placard is couched mostly in the secret language of the society. The intelligent part says that the leader's name is Li Tai-hai, and he calls on the people to exterminate the foreigners and complain of the weakness of the present Emperor, who has caused the death of many innocent subjects.

A London telegram, dated the 7th inst., to the Shanghai Times says:—Weather seems to have set in throughout Europe in earnest. The mild spell following the cold snap of ten days ago has in turn been superseded by freezing weather in all sections with heavy snow throughout the north. At Amsterdam the canals have been frozen over, boat-transportation thus being discontinued for several months; at Vienna the thermometer has fallen 20 degrees below the freezing point. Although this change was not wholly unreasonable, it is said to have brought on general distress.

An anonymous correspondent writes to us with regard to the late attempt at an illegal opium farm, and though we do not as a rule take any notice of such communications we think that his remarks are of sufficient interest to justify our neglect of this rule on the present occasion. The correspondent alleges that the willingness of the Chinese Government to abolish the farm was the result of a discovery that the promoters were anti-Government men, no other indeed than our old friend Kang Yu-wei and his party. "The officials," says our correspondent, "though in possession of the shareholders' names, do not intend to take action first now. The gates of Canton will be opened as usual hereafter. There are enough troops inside the walls to suppress any troubles, and the officials are beginning to feel that their late action in shutting the city gates only exposed them to ridicule."

THEATRE ROYAL.

The Janet Waldorf Co. staged *Sherlock Holmes* for the third time last evening before a very good and appreciative audience. Mr. Norval McGregor in the title role again scored a distinct success, while Mr. Wilson Forbes very ably assisted him as Professor Moriarty. The cigar scene and the fight on the cliff were admirably rendered. Miss Waldorf had very little to do as Irene Adler, but the little was done to perfection. A ballet of street dancers, arranged by Miss Violet Russell, was introduced in the second act, and was much admired. This evening J. H. Broadhurst's farcical comedy, *The Wrong Mr. Wright* opposed the drama, and Miss Janet Waldorf and her Company will again be seen in one of those pieces which are regarded as prime factors for creating a good laugh. *The Wrong Mr. Wright* comes with a splendid reputation, and has enjoyed a successful career, in England, America, and Australia, and there is every prospect of a good reception in Hongkong.

TELEGRAMS.

REUTERS' SERVICE.

LONDON, 10th December.

THE VENEZUELAN DIFFICULTY.

Advices from Caracas, dated the 9th instant, state that the combined English and German fleets that day seized the Venezuelan fleet of four warships then lying in the harbour of Lagunaira, and that all the English subjects at Caracas had been arrested.

LONDON, 9th December.

THE MARSEILLES STRIKE.

The Marseilles strikers have refused to negotiate further with the employers or the Government, and have resolved to continue the struggle to the bitter end.

VENEZUELA.

Satisfaction is expressed in London at the arrest of British subjects at Caracas, they being considered safer in prison than at the mercy of the populace.

MACAO.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

Macao, 12th December.

"PAUL DOUMER" ASHORE.
The steamer *Heungshan* was detained at Macao this morning owing to the galeblast *Dis* being anchored in the channel at the entrance of the river. The *a.s. Paul Doumer* went on shore off Barro Point in trying to clear the *Dis*, and as the tide was falling with strong N.W. wind blowing the will, probably remain there till next high water. The detention of the *Heungshan* was most inconvenient, as she was under contract to tow a large junk with a consignment of opium out to the *s.s. Empire*, a distance of 10 miles off and also in having a great number of passengers all anxious to get to their destination. The matter of obstruction in the Channel was, as I am informed, duly reported by the Captain of the *Heungshan* through the Company's agent to the Harbour Master, but no action has been taken to clear the Channel. Considering the very shallow state of the harbour and its approaches, surely all facilities should be given to vessels trading to the port and not allow dangerous obstructions to be placed in the way unnecessarily.

The galeblast *Zaire* leaves for India on Sunday, 14th inst.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.]

"BEACHCOMBERS."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."
Hongkong, 12th December.

Sir,—I have read with alarm your admirable article in to-day's issue on the subject of beachcombers, and sincerely wish that it may lead to some practical steps being taken by the Government to check the ever-increasing evils which inevitably follow the arrival of such men. Hongkong is fast becoming, and if nothing effectual be done, will soon become the dumping ground for the destitute and underserving from Manila and from all parts of the Far East. Can no drastic measures be taken to avert this imminent calamity? Surely it is within the power and ability of the local authorities to devise effectual ways and means to put an immediate stop to this evil.—Yours, etc.,

CONSERVATIVE.

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

The fourth Club Race takes place to-morrow over Course No. 8.

BAZAAR IN THE CITY HALL.

A sale of the articles of needle and fancy work made by the Chinese orphans under the tuition of the Asile de la Sainte Enfance was held yesterday, commencing at 2 p.m., under the patronage of Sir Henry and Lady Blake. A native regimental band played an excellent programme during the afternoon. Business seemed to be brisk, and we hope the bazaar was a financial success, the object being such a worthy one.

CRICKET.

The following will play for the H.K.C.C. (Civilian XI) v. H.M.S. Tamar to-day, commencing at 11 a.m.:—

Dr. J. M. Atkinson, J. T. Dixon, T. C. Grey, G. O. Heron, J. Hooper, G. P. Lammet, W. R. Lomarchand, W. C. D. Turner, A. R. Lowe, A. G. Ward, and A. N. Other.

A cricket match will take place at the Happy Valley to-day at 2 p.m. between the "Craigengower C.C. and the Civil Service C.C."

FOOTBALL.

This afternoon on the Happy Valley the Hongkong Football Club XV will play H.M.S. *Glory* under Rugby rules. The kick-off is at 4 o'clock. The Club will play in striped jerseys, and will be represented by the following:—

Lieut. Campbell, full back; H. Arthur, Ian Graham, T. E. Pearce, and T. J. Hallett, three-quarters; J. P. Jordan and Lieut. Heath, halves; E. R. Hallifax, P. Goldring, E. D. C. Wolfe, O. T. Barnes, V. Cooper, H. F. Chard, A. Boyd, and W. W. Clark, forwards.

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held yesterday at noon in the Council Chamber. Present:—His Excellency THE GOVERNOR, Sir HENRY A. BLAKE, G.C.M.G., His Excellency Sir W. GASCOIGNE, K.C.M.G. (Commanding the Troops), Hon. F. H. MA, C.M.G. (Colonial Secretary), Hon. Sir HENRY SPENCER BRIDGEMAN, Kt. (Attorney-General), Hon. A. M. THOMSON (Colonial Treasurer), Hon. Commander R. M. RUMSEY, R.N. (Harbour Master), Hon. W. CHATHAM (Director of Public Works), Hon. Dr. F. W. CLARK (Medical Officer of Health).

Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, C.M.G., Hon. Wei A. YUK, Hon. C. S. SHARP, Hon. C. W. DICKSON, Hon. G. W. F. PLATFAIR, Hon. R. SHEWAN, Mr. C. GLENNIE (Acting Clerk of Councils).

THE PEAK WATER SUPPLY.
Hon. G. W. F. PLATFAIR moved the following resolution, of which he had given notice at the last meeting:—"That His Excellency the Governor should be requested to appoint an independent Committee unconnected with the Public Works Department to examine into the truth of the statements contained in the return tabled by the Director of Public Works of the supply of water to the upper levels of the Peak in November last and up to the date of that return." He said:—Your Excellency, I first beg leave to read the following letter addressed to me by one of the most prominent residents in the Peak. I leave out names, but I will hand up the original to your Excellency so that you can see it:—

Hongkong, 6th December, 1902.
Dear Sir:—I understand that in a return laid before the Legislative Council by the Director of Public Works the water supply of the Peak was shown as satisfactory, and I believe the delay in getting out the water accounts was due to the employment of high officers of the Department on inspection for the completion of this return. The statement that the supply is satisfactory is distinctly contrary to fact, and the only officer of the department I can hear of as having visited the houses in "Solomon." He spoke to my servant but no one has made any enquiries of (my next door neighbour) or myself. On the other hand I informed the Director of Public Works early in November in a letter, which he has not yet acknowledged, that on one day the amount delivered through the pipe was half a bucket and I pointed out that that was not sufficient for 10 souls. (my next door neighbour) tells me that he has to have most of his water obtained by cooies.

The supply cannot have been inspected by an engineer as he would have seen that an adequate supply cannot run through the size of pipe in 2 of an hour with the pressure allowed. Yours truly,

The Hon. G. W. F. PLATFAIR.

From that letter your Excellency will see that the poor old "Solomon," the black man, was the most competent official whom the Director of Public Works had at his disposal to compile this return. I am surprised at the assurance of the Director of Public Works in laying that return on the table stating that the house in question, which has been referred to in that letter, had a good supply when at the time he tabled it he had an unanswered letter of complaint from the gentleman in question, distinctly contrary to that statement. I would draw your Excellency's attention to the unanswered letter.

I have heard of several other letters being unanswered, and it is not only adding, I think, to the injury when a household has a reasonable cause for complaint that has been treated with indifference and quietly ignored. Since I gave notice of this motion I observe that the Director of Public Works has been going round the district, to the detriment of his other official duties—to all the other householders in the Peak getting an expression of opinion; but I am afraid that this expression of opinion, together with the fact no doubt that we will hear something about corroded pipes and about the water taps being turned on all at the same time, does not overcome facts, and it is a very painful fact which the Director of Public Works knows himself that many householders in the Peak have been complaining of their cooies to draw water from neighbouring wells. That is a very strong fact. No amount of arguing or of getting returns to say that people get a good supply or a small supply can overcome that very solid fact. I would also refer to the letter in the public Press from a lady living at Mountain View Terrace, in which she complained that she had no water. These facts which I have given and the letter which I have read are quite sufficient justification for the motion I have brought forward. As I observed before, I am tired of asking questions which were productive of no results, and it is for the benefit and the efficiency of the administration of this Colony that the public should know a little more than they have known about how things are going and how things are managed or mismanaged. I think that having stated this so far, I have now to indicate what in my opinion the real fault lies. I have deliberately and directly to accuse the Government of cheese-paring economy in not providing the Director of Public Works with a sufficient staff to carry on his work. The duties of the Public Works Department have very largely increased since the date of the Commission recommending the increase.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR.—I must point out to the hon. member that that has nothing whatever to do with the resolution before the Council. The resolution is for the purpose of enquiring into the truth or otherwise of a certain statement.
Hon. Mr. PLATFAIR.—And I am giving the reasons.
His Excellency.—That has nothing to do with it. I cannot allow that line of argument. Anything that goes to show that the statement was not correct is quite right to put before the Council, but the hon. member is going beyond that. This is a question of fact—whether a certain statement made by a public official is true or false.
Hon. Mr. PLATFAIR.—Well, then, sir, I have said about all I have say. I do not think that there is anything more for me to say. I do not think it is necessary for me to say anything more than I have done. I have proved my case, and I can only say that I would leave the resolution mildly, and I simply leave the proposed resolution in your hands.

Hon. C. S. SHARP.—Sir, as complaints have been made calling in question the accuracy of the statement laid on the table of this Council, and with a view to ventilating them, I beg to second the resolution.
The Director of Public Works.—Sir, with regard to this matter, I have been endeavouring in the short time that has intervened since notice of the resolution was given, to

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HONGKONG SANITARY BOARD.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held yesterday afternoon in the Board Room. Present:—Dr. J. M. Atkinson, Principal Civil Medical Officer (President); Colonel Hughes, R.A.M.C.; Mr. F. J. Buley, Captain Superintendent of Police; Mr. O. M. M. Moser, Acting Registrar-General; Mr. E. Osborne, Mr. Fung Wa Chiu, Mr. Lau Chu Pak and Mr. G. A. Woodcock (Secretary).

EXTERMINATION OF MOSQUITOES.

Correspondence was laid on the table relative to the extermination of mosquitoes. This included a letter from Dr. J. C. Thomson. On the proposal of Mr. OSBORNE, it was agreed that the letter in question should be published in the Press. Dr. Thomson wrote as follows:—

"Hongkong, 25th October, 1902.

"Sir,—I have the honour to report for the information of His Excellency the Governor that I made a careful investigation of the nullah crossing MacDonnell Road and its neighbourhood with reference to the presence of the larvae of mosquitoes on the afternoons of yesterday and the previous day with results as follow:—

"The most easterly of the three nullahs, that passing on the east side of the Honorable Wei A. Yuk's house is untrained and it swarms with anophelids larvae throughout, and I found a mass of cooies along under the orders of the P.W.D., commencing the work of filling in holes and levelling out the centre of the bed of the stream.

"The next nullah is roughly trained with a stone parapet, which offers many hollows where anophelids might readily breed. There was evidence of korosan having been used, and I was not able to demonstrate their presence below Bowen Road at the level the training cesses, and immediately above Bowen Road I found anophelids larvae abundant.

"The most westerly nullah is much better trained with a smooth bed for the stream made of a coarse concrete, and the result of my search was as in the last described nullah. Immediately above Bowen Road, large were abundant. Several branches of nullahs are at present dry.

"I also examined a great many puddles of water due to the cozing of water from the hill-side or from the excavations on MacDonnell Road itself, behind certain of the houses, and up on the level of Bowen Road. I found anophelids larvae present in all of them except where there was evidence of korosan having been used.

"A very interesting and practically important circumstance came to my notice in my examination of some of these roadside puddles. On the Bowen Road level where they are undisturbed, I found such collections of water literally swarming with both anophelids and culicid larvae where oil had been adequately used, but there was a middle series, in which only a little korosan was present covering the surface imperfectly in which I found plenty of culicid larvae, but none of anophelids. The latter seem fortunately more easily destroyed than the former, culicid being apparently able to push its respiratory apparatus clear of a thin oil layer for breathing purposes in circumstances where anophelids, not possessing this special breathing tube, cannot live. The species of anophelids found were *Anopheles maculatus*, and the larvae which I group as culicid were those of *Armigeres obturbans* and *Culex fatigans*. Having in view the foregoing observations I offer the following recommendations:—

"1. The operations at present in progress in the most easterly nullah should be carried well above Bowen Road and should be followed as soon as possible by a complete training of the nullah.

"2. The training of the other two nullahs should be carried higher up the hill, and until this can be arranged, temporary measures such as those in progress in the easterly nullah should be used for some distance above Bowen Road. The middle nullah should be completely trained and levelled out, or its present pavement and certain breaks in the concrete should be repaired.

"3. Efforts should be made to give free concrete runnels to all cozing water and the hillside cozing should as much as possible be received on well-sloped concrete surfaces, to prevent the presence of little stagnant pools of water.

"4. It is essential to take into account the district well above Bowen Road in all the operations for improvement of the health of MacDonnell Road, in which the nullah in Kennedy Road below it, namely, is severely prevalent. Otherwise the presence of such swarms of anophelids as I found in the larvae stage just above Bowen Road will nullify the efforts made on the slightly lower level.

"5. The co-operation of the military authorities in the matter of dealing with extensive water puddles on military land just below Kennedy Road is necessary, to any success in the direction indicated. These should be cleared away by adequate drainage.

"6. The work of destruction of the larvae and the pools in which they do or may breed should embrace treating the water with korosan oil.

"I do not think any part of this should be left to private owners or occupiers of property. In one case, where all the circumstances behind a house were favourable for the presence of larvae, I found none, because adequate care was evidently being taken. Behind another house I found the larvae simply swarming. The total number of such collections of water is not large, and they can be quite adequately dealt with, if the work be done systematically. I urge that the official of the P. W. D. dealing with this district should have orders to take cognisance of every water surface in the neighbourhood, and unless it be running freely to eradicate, otherwise improve, or korosan it periodically as may in each case be possible. In a large question like this, where the public health is concerned, any other course seems to me likely to invite failure as one property with breeding places overlooked would nullify very extensive efforts if around it.

"7. It is well to recognise an important limitation of what can be accomplished in the directions I have indicated. The anophelids mosquito breeds high up in the ravines and larvae will constantly tend to be washed down into the lower parts. But if the nullahs be trained and maintained in the condition I have described as desirable, no resting place would exist for such washed down larvae within the inhabited districts around the nullahs, and they would be swept into the harbour.

"And in the neighbourhood under consideration it is emphatically possible to reduce the smaller breeding places to the minimum, and to practically stamp out malaria.

"8. I further recommend that an effort should be made to induce residents in the whole district from Bowen Road down to and including the Barkmats to destroy as many as possible of the present race of infected anophelids during the winter by a very thorough fumigation of basement, bed-rooms, servants' quarters, dog-kennels, and other buildings where they hibernates, and other action with sulphur fumes or cholera gas should precede any disturbance of the insects.

by other means, and a suitable time would be the month of January. This might be undertaken by the Sanitary Department in order to secure its being done systematically and efficiently and would probably be accepted willingly if offered from house to house, since all residents are in full sympathy with every effort to exterminate the cause of the present great prevalence of malarial fever. I may say that the Medical Officer of Health, who accompanied me on my second visit to this district, considers my proposal for the destruction of all insects by systematic fumigation of all basements and out-buildings during the winter season to be a quite practicable one, and he is prepared to make necessary arrangements.

"I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient servant,"

"JOHN C. THOMSON."

"Dr. J. M. ATKINSON,"
Principal Civil Medical Officer."

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.
The Surveyor's report for the third quarter of 1902 was laid on the table.

SMOKE NUISANCE.
A letter was read from the Hongkong Steam Laundry requesting a further extension of forty days to comply with a smoke nuisance notice. Col. Hughes intimated: "The smoke from the laundry is an intolerable nuisance to the number of Europeans frequenting Kennedy's stables. It is also detrimental to the health of the numbers of valuable horses and their Chinese attendants. In my opinion four months was a very liberal period to allow for improvement. The chimney that carries this smoke is very much too low. I am against granting a further reprieve unless this chimney is carried up thirty or forty feet higher, which can easily be done, and which will abate the nuisance to some extent."

On the motion of the President seconded by Mr. BADLEY, it was agreed to grant the extension until the chimney be heightened.

FAT-BOLLING ESTABLISHMENTS.
An application for house No. 190, Des Vaux Road to be registered as a fat-bolling establishment, and a minute thereon by Hon. Dr. Clark, were considered. The minute was as follows: "I see there is no record in the minutes of the Board of any definite decision as to the establishment of further offensive trades within the City limits. I think it would be as well if the Board decided that they would not grant licences for the establishment of any new premises of this description in the City or in the larger villages of Kowloon. Then such new premises would be established in the more rural districts, where there would be very little nuisance to anyone."

The application was refused, on the motion of the President, seconded by Col. HUGHES.

CONSTRUCTION OF CHANNELS AND DRAINS.
Hon. Dr. Clark tabled a minute to the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon recommending the construction of proper channels and drains in the Shektoengshui Market. It read: "I find that the surrounding area of the Shektoengshui Market is constantly in a very insanitary condition, apparently because the market has no suitable channels and drains to receive its washings, which flow down the steps into the roadway. If you have no objections to raise I propose to advise the Board to ask that this market be properly channelled and drained."

Mr. A. Gibson, the Veterinary Surgeon, replied: "I will warmly support any such proposal."

It was decided to call the attention of the Government in the usual way.

REJECTION OF WATER-CLOSETS.
An application was considered for the erection of fifteen water-closets at Kowloon Docks. A plan attached was inspected. Mr. E. Osborne intimated: "Grant subject to an adequate water supply independent of Government mains."

The Board agreed to grant the application subject to the terms of Mr. Osborne's minute. A similar course was followed in the case of an application for the erection of sixteen water-closets on the new premises of Messrs. Watson & Co. in Des Vaux Road. A well ten feet deep is also to be provided.

THE PROVISION OF A BACK-YARD.
Further correspondence was laid on the table relative to the provision of a backyard for No. 1, Ladder Street. Consideration was postponed until next meeting of the Board.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.
The mortality statistics for the Colony for the week ended 29th November showed the death-rate per 1,000 per annum to be 15.2, against 20.7 in the previous week and 17 for the corresponding week of last year.

RETURNS OF RATS.
Of 1,248 rats caught in the City of Victoria during the week ended 8th December, 17 were infected, as were 18 out of 2,045 caught in Kowloon.

ANALYSES OF PUBLIC WATER.
The analyses by Mr. F. Browne, Government Analyst, of public water supplies for the month of November, showed that the water in every case was of excellent quality.

LINENWASHING RETURNS.
The linenwashing returns for the fortnight ended 6th December give 2,638 houses as treated in the Central district and 1,371 in the Western. There were four prosecutions in the former district, and fines were imposed to the amount of \$16.

This was all the public business.

CHURCH SERVICES.

S. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

14th December, 3rd Sunday in Advent.

Matins (11 a.m.).
Responses, Psalms, Venite, A Book; Psalms, Robinson and Dupuis; Benedicite, Munder in F; Jubilate, Ouseley in G; Hymns, 217, 355, and 49.

Evangelium (5.45 p.m.).

Responses, Psalms, Smart, Purcell, Pelton, and Woodward; Magnificat, Wesley in F (1st M.); Nunc Dimittis, Taylor in G (2nd M.); Hymns, 537, 50, and 51; Vesper Hymn, Steane.

S. PETER'S CHURCH.

(Corner of Des Vaux Road West and Western Street.)

Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m.

Matins (11 a.m.).

Venite, Woodward; Te Deum, Lums; Benedicite, Goss; Hymns, 38, 395, 328, and 407.

Evangelium (8.30 p.m.).

Magnificat, Trent; Nunc Dimittis, Aldrich; Hymns, 38, 395, 328, and 407.

The Mission launch *Dayspring* will call on the ships between 9.15 and 10.30 a.m. and between 5.15 and 6 p.m. (Kowloon Police Pier 16.30 and 6), to bring friends ashore to the services; returning afterwards. The "Answering Fountain" is the "call" flag. All seats free. Strangers welcome.

SUPREME COURT.

Friday, 12th December.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR SIR WILLIAM M. GOODMAN (CHIEF JUSTICE).

LI PING v. CHUN TONG.

The plaintiff in this case claimed \$16,000 damages on account of the defendant having, it was alleged, taken away stones from the plaintiff's quarry at Matukok. Mr. B. H. Sharp, K.C., barrister-at-law (instructed by Mr. B. B. Deacon, solicitor), appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. W. W. Blado, barrister-at-law (instructed by Mr. E. J. Grist, solicitor), for the defendant.

Mr. Sharp, K.C., in opening the case, said the plaintiff was a building contractor; so also was the defendant. Plaintiff was granted from the Crown of the exclusive right to quarry granite upon the Crown lands at Matukok. During the months of January, February and to the 20th of March, 1901, the defendant committed a breach of this exclusive right of the plaintiff to quarry granite there. Defendant denied that he had quarried stone in the area leased by the plaintiff. The evidence would show that for a period of about 20 years—in fact, he thought more than double that period—the right of quarrying granite, as it was expressed in the Crown lease, had been leased yearly to an individual or individuals called the quarry farmer. This right comprised the small incidental right to remove any granite which had been already quarried during the year of the lease for one month exceeding that year, after the next farmer went in on his lease. That was to say, during the January of the succeeding year the old farmer was permitted to remove from the farm any granite already quarried up to 31st December. That right expired for one month. In the year 1900 and apparently for a few years before that year the defendant was the quarry farmer. For the year 1901 the plaintiff was the quarry farmer and during that year had the exclusive right to quarry granite. There could be no question, he took it, what the right to quarry granite meant.

His Lordship:—The lease has one month—to the end of January—to remove material which has been quarried during the year?

Mr. Sharp replied in the affirmative. The right to quarry granite he took to mean blasting, excavating, or working it in any way within the farmed area or to take it away after it had been so worked. The plaintiff, he thought, was entitled to damages for the infringement by anybody—in this case by the defendant—of his exclusive right. Of this title to damages the defendant should be peculiarly aware as he had brought an action of a very similar nature against another person in 1897, which was decided ultimately by the Full Court. The system of working the farm appeared to be this: any purchaser, any builder, wanting granite went there and saw the quarry farmer or his foreman and the quarry farmer employed men himself to actually do the quarrying; also there were a number of so-called quarry masters who had apparently a customary right, which however the quarry farmer was not absolutely under obligation to respect, to work in the different quarries within the farm. At the option of the farmer, he worked the granite himself and supplied the purchaser or allowed the latter to go to one of those quarry masters, giving him a licence to obtain so much granite on payment of a royalty to himself by the master. The late farmer, he thought, during the latter part of 1900 employed something like 300 or 400 men of his own to do actual quarrying work to supply stone under certain contracts between him and Messrs. Panchard, Lowther & Co., who had very extensive works immediately north of the farm. These were very far various purchases, principally just now for the making of concrete. At the period in question the works were in course of construction, and for their construction defendant's contracts ran in the year 1900 and for the first half of 1901. Panchard & Lowther required stone which might be divided into two classes—building stone and stone broken up for the purpose of making concrete. A large amount of work was done by the defendant under the contracts. For example two long trenches were cut, about 4 feet deep and 20 feet wide, practically the whole length of lot 1049 and these were filled up with concrete for the purpose of making strong foundations for the drying-beds for the immense blocks of concrete. Practically the whole of the lot, too, was surfaced to a depth of about 9 inches thick, also with concrete. Part of a bungalow also remained to be built, and for all these purposes as well as for building a railway embankment large quantities of stone were used. At the end of his 1900 lease defendant bid for the farm again, presumably for the purpose of carrying out his contracts, but the plaintiff over-bid him. They would have to wait until January, defendant notwithstanding the expiry of his lease, went on employing practically the same number of men and did not stop work. He continued to quarry fresh stone, especially along the northern side of the farm, which side was the most convenient to the works. On 1st January, the plaintiff remonstrated with the defendant's foreman. On the 2nd, plaintiff actually forcibly stopped the defendant's work-people. Next day, however, they had resumed work, and plaintiff then found it necessary to take other steps to stop them. The meeting went on until the 12th, when the plaintiff complained to the P.W.D. & all it continued, and on the 25th plaintiff again went to P.W.D. and lodged a complaint. On the 26th Mr. King, the land bailiff, was sent down to inspect the place, and made the first of a series of visits to the farm. On the following day the defendant ceased blasting, although he continued to work off building stone in other ways. On 7th February a survey was made of the stone alleged to have been removed by the defendant. On 8th February plaintiff summoned the defendant at the Police Court, the case was heard on the 12th and on the 13th the defendant ceased working this large building stone. However, the other poaching, which had been carried on to a very much greater extent, of granite for concrete, continued, and the evidence of the P.W.D. officials would be that plaintiff made repeated complaints to them. On 2nd March plaintiff commenced proceedings in the Summary Court, but owing to the value of the stone being altogether too great for that Court, the proceedings had to be withdrawn. Then the present action was begun. On 11th March Mr. King paid his second visit, and in company with Mr. Gray of the P.W.D. inspected the place, and again on the 16th when he found practically the same poaching going on. On the 17th Mr. King sent for the defendant and warned him; two days later he visited the scene with Mr. Gray and found the situation unchanged. Then proceedings were again taken at the Police Court, and the effect of these proceedings seemed to have been that the poaching stopped on the 21st. The plaintiff claimed that a large quantity of stone was wrongfully taken away from the quarry to the works by the defendant. Evidence was taken, and the Court afterwards adjourned.

SPORTING NOTES.

The training on the race-course is beginning to get interesting now that the drudgery of the slow work is over, and there is quite a crowd on the rails on Wednesdays and Saturdays, when the grass track is open. No really fast work has been done yet, at all events by the waters, but no doubt some of the forward ones will be sent along in the course of the next week or two. The big race of the Meeting seems quite an open affair, and opinions vary considerably as to who is the owner of the lucky one. As far as I can gather, Colonel Hughes's (late Major Denny's) *Brilliant* is the most fancied, and not a bad selection either, for the animal has plenty of substance and is a compact, strong little horse and seems to move very true. I believe quite a big figure was given on the transfer of ownership, which shows that there are people who are not afraid of paying for a good horse in the Colony, and I wish Col. Hughes good luck in his bargain.

Major Langlands has a nice brown mare, with a lot of quality, and must be in the first flight. Mr. Rennie owns a bay mare which does her work very quietly and well and seems to be improving as fast as is possible; she is one to be reckoned with. Mr. Master has been very unlucky, as two in his stable have been on the sick list for some time now, and both of them were well forward in condition when they gave up work. I am sure everyone hopes that such a keen sportsman may be able to bring them out again shortly. Mr. Master has another in his stable which belongs to Mr. Morgan Phillips, but although I believe she is spoken of as "a possible," I can't fancy her, as she is all abroad when the gallops and doesn't seem to go at all kindly, besides which she lacks quality, which can't be dispensed with altogether. Mr. Hunter of the bank has a very nice-looking pony, and may turn out another *Big Ronald*—little and good. General Gascoigne's last year's luck has not stuck to him this year; but Mr. Cruickshank has had a lot of practice in bringing in to the post, and the General still has *Joy*, who is looking wonderfully well and is in charge of the same gentleman, so that with last year's Derby winner and his own grey mare Mr. Cruickshank should account for some of the races not confined to griffins. Among the China ponies I fancy Mr. Balch's to be as good a sort as most of them and Messrs. Lewis and White's combination stable is undoubtedly a strong one. Mr. Morris works very hard at his pair, and they are coming along nicely and Mr. MacDonald's sit-eared one looks as if he might do something.

The Hongkong Regatta has come and gone and the Hongkong Boat Club and V.R.C. are to be congratulated heartily on the success of the entertainment and the racing. The Boat Club rather monopolized the prizes, but as the motto of all sportsmen is "May the best man win," I am sure no V.R.C. members grudge them their victories. The Coxes, I notice, came in for the usual beating, but these light-weight gentlemen only suffer the usual fate attached to their post. Speaking from a fairly extensive acquaintance with rowing criticism, amateur and otherwise, I have known very few cases in which the losing cox was not blamed or in which it was thought necessary to praise the winning cox. Such is the invidious nature of the post.

The newly instituted Hockey Shield competition is on the eve of commencement. The Hockey Club's first match in it comes off on Thursday next, the 18th instant, when the team from H.M.S. *Glory* will be met—A correspondent who wrote to me two weeks ago says:—"I am glad to find that the Ladies' Hockey Club took my advice and did not keep out the 'mere man.' I am sure they will gain by their decision. In the first match under their auspices this island of ours gained a signal success, the Kowloonites, who should have formed the opposition, not venturing to face Hongkong and the elements combined."

A correspondent writes to me to remonstrate against my statement that the Rugby football match on the 29th ult. was not the first encounter this season between the H.K.F.C. and the Navy. He points out that the Club's record of matches so far is:—

Nov. 14, v. Albion and Cressy Drawn
Nov. 20, v. Cressy Won
Nov. 22, v. The Navy Drawn
Dec. 6, v. Ocean Won

I am glad to publish my correspondent's correction and to acknowledge that the match a fortnight back was the first between the Club and the Navy. To-day the Rugbyists play another naval team, drawn from H.M.S. *Glory*. A very good side has been got together for the home team. Jordan and Hesth did fair to make an excellent pair of halves, though it must be confessed that most naval teams are faster in this line. Hallett makes his debut among the Club three-quarters, in the place of Rutherford, and Boyd appears for Crakeford.

The Amateur Golf Championship of Ceylon was won on the 22nd ult. by Mr. D. W. Watson, who repeated his 1901 success. This year his opponent was Mr. A. E. Ogilvy.

The S. Andrew's Stakes at Shanghai, usually held on the Saturday following the bull, were this year postponed for a week owing to the few entries received. The result on the 6th inst. was:—Mr. Gire's *Dover Castle* (Mr. N. E. Moller); Mr. Toeg's *Sonagumie* (Mr. E. U. Reid); 2. Mr. Donnachie's *Zaggs* (Mr. P. Dietrich); 3.

The Oxford University Athletics have not made a very good start in their Indian cricket tour. At Bombay their record was 2 losses and a draw. After losing to the Presidency team by a margin of only 47 runs, the Athletics drew with the Hindus, making 356 runs in one innings against the Hindus' 168 and 227 for 5 wickets; and lost to the Parsies, scoring 311 and 124 against 406 and 30 for 2 wickets. In both the two matches the Athletics lost they batted one short in one innings.

OMPAX.

TRIAL TRIP OF THE "KWONGCHOW."

The steamer *Kwongchow*, recently launched from Messrs. Bailey & Co.'s yard in Kowloon Bay, underwent her official sea trials yesterday, the mean speed from Kowloon Rock to Channel Rock being 11½ knots per hour.

The *Kwongchow* is the largest steel vessel yet launched in Hongkong, and her owners are the Shui On Steamship Co., Ltd. She was designed by Messrs. Hainey for the service between Hongkong and Canton, and her dimensions are: length overall, 200ft.; breadth, 35ft.; depth, 12ft.; with a gross tonnage of 1,475. The engines are compound surface condensing of the most modern design, the hull accommodation for over 1,000 native passengers, and has also ample accommodation with state-rooms and saloon for European passengers; the first and second-class Chinese saloons are also fitted in unusually good style, and the vessel is lighted throughout by electricity. The captain, officers and engineers are housed on the shade deck, where they have also their own mess-room and bath-room, etc.; and their cabins, like all the others on board, are painted in white and gold, fitted with carpets, cushions, etc., with portable electric lights and all other conveniences. The sanitary fittings throughout are of the highest class, and the bath-rooms, etc., fitted with tiled floors. The vessel is controlled by steam-steering gear.

At the invitation of the builders and of the owners, eighty-four guests sat down to table after the official trials, and did full justice to an excellent repast provided by Messrs. Madras Farmer; among those present being Messrs. Chua Siu-ki, Liao Tze-an and other directors of the Shui On Steamship Co.; Messrs. Mumford, Goldard, Crane, Orbach, A. H. Hewitt, Cecil, Simcox, Pailane, Redger, Johnston, Mitchell, Logan, Kew, Seth, Robertson and others, besides several ladies.

In proposing success to the *Kwongchow*, Mr. W. S. BAILEY said—Ladies and gentlemen, the steamer *Kwongchow* having completed her official trials to the satisfaction of the owners, I have much pleasure in saying a few words upon this occasion. It seems but yesterday that our friend Mr. Chua Siu-ki approached us with the enquiry for this vessel, evidently with grave doubts as to our ability to build her, but here the vessel floats to-day to the entire satisfaction of her owners, and we are glad to feel that we merited the confidence which they placed in us by giving us, a young firm, so large an order. The owners were very clear as to the requirements. We were to build a vessel 200 feet long, to attain a speed of ten knots, while carrying a thousand passengers and 350 tons deadweight cargo. On going into the matter we found to ensure the speed under these conditions machinery of an improved type to that commonly used would be necessary, and this we have fitted and without extra charge, with the result that 11½ knots have been attained. At the beginning we decided that the question of profit should be a secondary one, our chief aim being to give entire satisfaction to the owners by turning out a vessel which would be even more than satisfactory; we have spared no expense to attain this end, and we have our reward to-day in the appreciation of our work expressed by the owners. It has been said that the pleasure of life consists not in the making of money, but in the accomplishment of what may be termed "satisfactions," namely, the attainment of those ends upon which we set our hearts. We made up our minds to turn out a thoroughly satisfactory job regardless of cost, and we are to-day better rewarded by the knowledge of success, and by the owners' appreciation, than if we had aimed only at making a large profit out of the work. Our relations with the owners have throughout been of the most cordial nature. Mr. Chua Siu-ki and his fellow-directors have taken the keenest interest in the design and construction of this vessel, and they have assisted us in every way. I wish to express, on behalf of my partner and myself, our high appreciation of the confidence and assistance given us by the directors of this Company, and I ask you, ladies and gentlemen, to join me in drinking a bumper to the success of the good ship *Kwongchow*, commencing the toast with the name of Mr. Chua Siu-ki. (Applause.)

Mr. CHUA SIU-KI (the Chairman of the Shui On S. S. Co.) said—Ladies and gentlemen, before I respond to the toast proposed by Mr. Bailey for the success of the steamer *Kwongchow*, allow me to thank you for the honour you have paid us in being present here to-day; an honour which, I need hardly say, is exceedingly gratifying both to the directors of the Shui On Steamship Co., and to myself. Speaking on behalf of the Company, I am pleased to be able to state that the *Kwongchow* has been constructed and equipped to our entire satisfaction by Messrs. W. S. Bailey & Co. I am assured that the speed attained at her trial today is a very satisfactory one. The *Kwongchow* is the largest factory vessel that has yet been launched in this Colony, and we feel very much indebted to Messrs. Bailey & Murphy for the thorough manner in which they have carried out the work. The Company are determined to do their utmost to provide for the comfort of the passengers and I feel confident that the captain and the officers of the vessel will heartily co-operate with the directors to attain that end. The trade between Hongkong and Canton is increasing to such an extent that I hope this new addition will be welcomed with this important portion of Hongkong's commerce. Ladies and gentlemen, I will now ask you to kindly join me in drinking heartily to the success and prosperity of the builders, Messrs. W. S. Bailey & Co., coupled with the name of Mr. E. O. Murphy. (Applause.)

Mr. E. O. MURPHY, responding on behalf of the builders, said that occasions like the present were the bright spots in the shipbuilder's life where he saw the success of his months of hard work, and received the congratulations of his friends. He expressed the pleasure he felt at being present here so many of those who in a way or another like Hongkong, had no doubt left their places at considerable inconvenience to be present.

Mr. MUMFORD in a neat speech responded to the toast of the visitors, and thanked the builders and the owners for their hospitality. The toast of the caterers and of the Captain of the ship were also honoured, after which the vessel steamed to the Company's wharf, where she presented a pretty sight illuminated by electric light and decorated with bunting.

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Hongkong, 15th November, 1902.

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POLICE COURT.

Friday, 12th December.

BEFORE MR. F. A. HAZELAND (POLICE MAGISTRATE.)

FATAL GAMBLING RAID.

On Thursday night Sergeant Hurison executed a gambling warrant at 814, Queen's Road Central, and arrested twenty-two Chinese who were playing *pat-bau*. When the police entered the house a scramble was made to escape, and one of the Chinamen, trying to get away by means of the verandah, fell a distance of about twenty feet to the ground, and sustained injuries from which he died on the way to the Government Civil Hospital.

Two of the gamblers were fined \$50 each for being keepers, and the others, for gambling on the premises, \$3 each.

A WELL-DESERVED SENTENCE.

Chu Kan, of neither occupation nor fixed abode, pleaded not guilty to a charge of stealing a gold-mounted rattan bangle from a child. The value of the bangle was \$4.

An amah stated that she was carrying the child on her back, and that the defendant came up from behind and snatched the bangle from the wrist of her charge. She called out, and the defendant was chased and caught by an European.

Robert Witherell, motor inspector, said he was coming out of Tak Cheong's when he saw the defendant shove up against the last witness. "I then there was a cry of 'Thief' and defendant ran away. He was caught by witness, who found the bangle in the gutter. The accused was sentenced to three months' hard labour and to receive two whippings of twenty strokes each.

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Messrs. Vernon & Smyth say in their weekly share report, dated Hongkong, 12th December:—Business has been very dull during the whole of the past week, and with the exception of Banks and Lands there is but little strength in closing quotations.

BANKS.—Hongkong and Shanghai's have been quoted at \$650, \$652½ and \$655, and close with further buyers at the latter rate. The London quotation is \$62. Nationals are unchanged at \$37 sellers. —Unions have been quoted at \$460 and are in further request. China Traders have rooded to \$58 with probable sellers. Yangtzees continue in request at \$133.

FIRE INSURANCES.—Hongkong can be procured at \$345, and Chinas at the reduced rate of \$55.

SHIPPING.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao have eased off to \$36½ sellers, with buyers at \$36½. Indo-China have declined \$88 after sales at \$92 and \$90. China and Manilla are weak at \$25½ sellers. Dongnags have sold at \$42 and more shares are procurable at the rate. Star Ferries (old) have been placed at \$23 and (new) at \$18, the latter closing with buyers. Shell Transports have declined to £1, 12s. 6d. sellers, after a sale at £1, 12s.

REFINERIES.—China Sugars have been placed at \$84 to \$85, and there are further sellers at the higher rate. Luzons sold at \$123.

MINING.—Punions (ordinaries) are procurable at \$2½, and preferences at 75 cents. Rafts have been done at \$63, and more shares could probably be placed. Celebus are unchanged with sellers at \$14.

DOCKS, WHARVES & GODOWNS.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have sold at \$215 and \$217½, and close with probable sellers at \$115. Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves have declined to \$88 at which the last sale was effected. New Amoy Docks, can be procured at \$40.

LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Lands continue in request, and sales have been effected at \$184 and \$185, the market closing with buyers at the higher rate. Kowloon Docks are quiet at \$31. West Point has improved on offer at \$124. Hongkong Hotels have been booked at \$141. Oriento Hotels can be procured at the reduced rate of \$37½.

COTTON MILLS.—In the North, Ewos have improved to Tls. 42, Internationals to Tls. 41, and Lacu Kung Mows to Tls. 42. Soy Chees are unchanged at Tls. 160. Hongkong Cottons are quiet at \$17½.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Green Island Cement's are slightly better at \$2½ buyers. China Harrow are offering at \$35. Watsons have sold and are on offer at \$14½. Electric (old) have sold and are in further request at \$13.10, the new issue can be procured at \$6.65. Dairy Farms are on offer at \$11 ex the dividend of 75 cents per share for 1901-1902 paid on the 8th instant. United Asbestos are on offer at \$8½. China Providents have been booked at \$9½ and more shares are wanted. Watkins have sold at \$7½ and continue in request. Universal Traders are quoted at \$21 buyers. Powells have been booked at \$9½. China Light and Power are offering at the reduced rate of \$18.

NEW WARSHIPS FOR THE UNITED STATES.

Prompted by the rapid increase of foreign navies, especially that of Germany, and believing that the prestige of the United States in South America will be measured largely in the future by its show of strength, the Naval Board of Construction has recommended to Secretary Moody that the Congressional authorisation of warships at the last session be reported at the coming session. Secretary Moody, it is believed, will approve this recommendation and ask Congress for these ships.

Two battleships, of practically the same type as the Maine, of 16,000 tons displacement, eighteen knots speed, four 12-inch, eight 8-inch, twelve 7-inch and twenty 3-inch guns. Two armoured cruisers of the Tennessee type, which will have almost the strength of battleships and be designed for fighting on the line of battle, of 14,500 tons displacement, twenty-two knots speed, four 10-inch, sixteen 8-inch and twenty-two 3-inch guns. Two gunboats of 1,650 tons displacement, twelve knots speed and six 4-inch rapid fire guns. The Board recommends that this increase be asked every year for at least three years.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The C.P.R. steamer *Tartar* arrived at Kobe at 7.30 a.m. on the 11th inst, and left again at 9 p.m. same day for Yokohama, where she is due to arrive at 6 a.m., to-day.

The N.P. steamer *Victoria* arrived at Yokohama on the 12th inst.

The steamer *Sandakan* left Manila on the evening of the 11th inst, and may be expected here to-morrow p.m.

The H.A.L. steamer *Silesia*, from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port on the 11th inst., and may be expected here on the 17th inst.

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HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE COMPETITION TODAY (SATURDAY), the 13th inst., will be for the NURSERY CUP and SQUONK, commencing at 2.30 p.m. Ranges 200, 300 and 400 yards. 7 shots and a sighter at each range.

M. S. NORTHCOTE, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1902. [116]

THE CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of the Company, 4, Queen's Buildings, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 22nd day of DECEMBER, 1902, at 12 Noon, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the subject Special Resolution.

RESOLUTION.

That the Company be wound up voluntarily under the provisions of the Companies Ordinance, 1867 to 1893, and that the HONOURABLE CHARLES STEWART SHARP, ALEXANDER GEORGE WOOD, and JOHN THOMAS MARTIN WHEELLEY be appointed Liquidators of the said Company with liberty for each of them solely to exercise all the powers of the joint Liquidators.

Dated this 13th day of December, 1902.

By Order of the Consulting Committee,
WILLIAM D. JUPP,
Acting Manager.

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ALTERATION.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.

The Company's Steamship

"HAILONG,"

Captain Gibson, will be despatched for the above ports TO-DAY, the 13th inst., at 4 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAFFRAIK & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1902. [3335]

THE PORTLAND AND ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "INDRAMA" FROM PORTLAND (OR), YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

ALLAN CAMERON,
General Agent.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1902. [14]

CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

"OOPACK"

are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the Godowns of the undersigned; in both cases it will be at Consignees' risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 14th inst.

Optional Cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival. Goods undelivered after the 20th inst. will be subject to remark. All damaged Goods must be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 11 a.m. on the 22nd inst.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1902. [2402]

THE HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS will be ready on Monday, and will contain—

Leading Articles.

The Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.'s Meeting.

Elder-mans and the Water Supply.

China Seas.

Undesirables in Hongkong.

Human and Rat Plague.

Hongkong Legislative Council.

Hongkong Sanitary Board.

The Murder of Mr. Evans.

Enquiry into Collapse of Buildings.

Japan and Oriental Supremacy.

The Pacific Mail S.S. Korea.

The New E. and A. S. S. Empire.

Theatre Royal.

Oxford Local Examinations.

Canton.

Corea.

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Hongkong, 13th June, 1902. [3336]

AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED, TO-DAY (SATURDAY), the 13th DECEMBER, 1902, at 11 A.M., at their SALES ROOMS, 20, Des Vaux Road, 25 Cases of JAPANESE BEER; 75 Cases of PORT WINE; 75 Cases of MISTELA BLANCA (White Wine); 50 Cases of MISTELA CLARETE (Claret); Also 60 Cases SCOTCH WHISKY. (All the Spanish Wines have been analysed and tested chemically by A. Stanley, M.D., D.P.H., Shanghai.)

TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1902. [3321]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED, TO-DAY (SATURDAY), the 13th DECEMBER, at 2.30 P.M., at their SALES ROOMS, 20, Des Vaux Road, AN ASSORTMENT OF VALUABLE JEWELLERY, comprising—

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Hongkong, 5th December, 1902. [3262]

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Hongkong, 10th December, 1902. [3318]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY, the 18th DECEMBER, 1902, commencing at 2.15 P.M. sharp, at his SALES ROOMS, Duddell Street,

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Hongkong, 13th December, 1902. [3326]

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Hongkong, 9th December, 1902. [3502]

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Hongkong, 12th December, 1902. [3331]

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TELEGRAMS: "CARMICHAEL," HONGKONG. A B C Code, 4th Edition.

Lieber's Standard Code.

TELEPHONE, 232.

Hongkong, 21st June 1901. [121]

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Hongkong, 21st October, 1902. [2488]

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"COLLAPSABLE BUILDINGS"—The City Hall is still standing, despite the fact that Daily Press kindly asserted that Miss Janet Waldorf had brought down the house.

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WALDORF

Hongkong, 13th December, 1902. [3291]

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have been no good to me. I shall be pleased to answer
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to verify by enquiries from the parties
whose names appear in the report laid before
the Council, the correctness or otherwise of the
statements which it contains. So far I have
been able to do so in some 28 or 29 cases, and
2 of them, I consider, fully corroborate what
is stated in this report. The remaining 5
or 6 leave the matter rather doubtful
or show that the report is inaccurate. I
may point out that the report is confined
to one morning. It is a report showing
the state of affairs found to exist on that
particular morning, whereas the statement
of the people given me is a general state-
ment of how they fared in the matter of
water supply. Therefore it is rather difficult—
even though their statements do not appear to
corroborate the report—it seems doubtful
whether the report as regards that particular
morning was absolutely inaccurate. The matter,
I may say, is still in my hands, and I shall
report to your Excellency when I have com-
pleted my investigations.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY—Sir, from
the remarks which have dropped from the
hon. member who moved the resolution,
it seems that he is labouring under a mis-
apprehension. He spoke of the report of
which he complains as having been passed by
the Director of Public Works.

Hon. Mr. PLAYFAIR—Tabled.
The COLONIAL SECRETARY—I beg your
pardon. I submit, Sir, that in as much as the
report is only the report of a subordinate
of the Director of Public Works to the
Director of Public Works this subject is
hardly one that ought to be referred to the
committee asked for. I am sure the mover of
the motion himself and the seconder will agree
with me that if the subordinate of the Director
of Public Works has been in fault in this matter
there is no one who would be more anxious and
more ready to follow up the matter and in-
vestigate it thoroughly than the head of the
Department himself. That, Sir, appears to me
to be the proper course to pursue in this matter,
and I submit that there is no necessity for any
such committee as is asked for. The Director
of Public Works has already stated that
his attention having been drawn to this
report, he is investigating it thoroughly,
and I think that this Council may very well
trust the Director of Public Works to make
that investigation a very searching one.

Hon. Mr. PLAYFAIR—Sir, I quite agree with
the hon. Colonial Secretary. I have not any
special desire to press this resolution on a di-
vision, as publicity has already been given to the
matter, and I would ask my seconder's leave
not to press the resolution to a vote, but at the
same time I hope that the Government will see
that there has been a very great deal of truth
in what we have said.

His EXCELLENCY—You wish to withdraw
the resolution?
Hon. Mr. PLAYFAIR—I withdraw the resolu-
tion.

His EXCELLENCY—I have no doubt the
Director of Public Works will investigate the
matter fully. I quite agree that it is an ex-
tremely unfortunate thing that any misstate-
ment should be made or laid on the table of this
house, but hon. members will have confidence
that the Director of Public Works will sift this
matter thoroughly.

THIRD READINGS.
On the motion of Hon. C. S. SHARP, seconded
by Hon. C. W. DICKSON, the Bill entitled an
Ordinance to authorise the making of By-laws
by the "Star" Ferry Company, Limited, was
read a third time and passed.

On the motion of the ATTORNEY-GENERAL,
seconded by the COLONIAL SECRETARY, the Bill
entitled the New Territories Titles Ordinance
was read a third time and passed.

On the motion of the ATTORNEY-GENERAL,
seconded by the COLONIAL SECRETARY, the
Council went into committee on the Bill en-
titled an Ordinance to consolidate and amend
the Laws relating to Public Health and to
Buildings, and resumed consideration of its
clauses and sections.

In connection with clause 100, Hon. Mr.
PLAYFAIR asked whether "cement-mortar" and
"good lime" should not be defined; should not
there be a standard to say the exact proportions?
The DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS said there
could be certain minimum proportions specified
of cement or lime with mortar but it had never
been done hitherto.

Hon. Mr. PLAYFAIR remarked that the result
was that the town was tambling down as fast as
it could because builders did not use proper
proportions.

His EXCELLENCY did not see how they
could define these terms. You might have
the same number of parts and yet get good mortar
in one case and bad mortar in the other.

Hon. Mr. PLAYFAIR said he would suggest
the addition to this clause of the provision that
the Building Authority or his assistants might
at any time cut a hole through a wall to ascertain
whether or not it had been built solid through-
out.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL said that had
been provided for later on.

Clause 101 referred to the thickness of
external walls.

Hon. Mr. SHARP said he had had a repre-
sentation from Mr. Danby, whose name was
mentioned during the second reading of the Bill
as one well qualified to give an opinion, that he
thought the extra thickness of walls was really
not required. Mr. Danby stated that "in all his
long experience he thought he could conscientiously
say he had never heard or known of a house
collapsing which had been built in strict
accordance with the present building regulations."

He should like to ask the Director of
Public Works whether in his experience he could
find any instance where the present regulations
had been strictly complied with and a house so
built had collapsed? The Bill provided for a very
considerable increase and after the experience
of last year it was the desire of them all to see
every care taken to prevent sacrifice of life; his
view was certainly favourable to a margin on
the right side, but when a representation such
as he had mentioned was made he thought it was
entitled to some hearing and consideration.

The DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS stated
that the thicknesses embodied in the present
Bill were practically those appearing in the
Glasgow Building Act of 1900. It was almost
a repetition. The only thing was that in the
Glasgow Act the progressive steps are limited
to 14 feet whereas in this they were 15 feet;
and considering that stories of houses were usually
a little higher here than at home he thought it
desirable to allow that slight increase. He
considered that several of the collapses were due
to insufficient strength of walls.

His EXCELLENCY asked whether the differ-
ence in the thickness of the joints would make
any difference in the strength of the walls;
would a quarter-inch joint be stronger than a
three-quarter-inch joint?

The DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS—Yes.

His EXCELLENCY said he asked the question
because sometimes in his rambles in the early
mornings he saw walls with joint faces of three
quarters of an inch, and thought that might
have something to do with the collapse of the
wall.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL remarked that the
opinion of the jury in the collapse enquiry was
that the walls were not thick enough.

The COLONIAL TREASURER—A common
jury. (Laughter.)
The ATTORNEY-GENERAL—A common sense
jury. (Laughter.)

The DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS proposed
the following amendment to sub-section 2 of
clause 101:—"The thickness of walls prescribed
in sub-section 1 of the section shall apply to
stories not exceeding 15 feet in height and said
height shall be measured from the centre of the
floor joists to the centre of the ceiling joists.
The walls of any building containing stories of
greater height than 15 feet shall be increased in
thickness in proportion to such greater
height." The whole of the first sentence to be
deleted.

On the suggestion of Hon. Mr. SHARP, the
clause was re-committed.

Sub-section 3 of section 102 had the following
provision:—"The rods required for external walls
more than 3 feet in length."

Hon. Mr. SHARP, referring to the provision
that the rods should be placed not less than 10
feet apart, said he had it on reliable authority
that 10 feet seemed much too close, and the
instance had been brought up of a building
already having 16 feet apart in the walls.

On the suggestion of the ATTORNEY-GENERAL,
an addition was made to the effect that the
Building Authority should have the power to
modify the requirements of the section where
necessary.

An amendment by Hon. Mr. PLAYFAIR to
section 105 (construction of foundations) "that
such foundations shall in every case be exami-
ned by an officer specially deputed by the
Building Authority in that behalf before the
foundations are filled up" was withdrawn after
discussion.

In connection with clause 123 (corbels to be
of stone or bricks) the following addition was
made:—"The entire thickness of the wall
throughout the height of such corbelling shall
also be built in cement-mortar."

To section 131 (material for coping, cornices,
etc.) the following was added on the suggestion
of the DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS:—"Every
projection constructed of combustible material
other than stone shall be built in cement-mortar
and the entire thickness of that portion of the
wall covered by such projection shall also be
built in cement-mortar."

In the case of clause 138, which provided that
verandahs and balconies were not to be enclosed
or obstructed, it was pointed out by the HARBOUR
MASTER that it would preclude a householder
from even putting a chair out on his verandah.

His EXCELLENCY said it was intended to
apply to Chinese houses in which verandahs,
being over Crown land, were practically
turned into rooms.

The clause was amended to exclude from its
operation houses in the European Reservation
and the Hill District.

The DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS stated
that when the re-committed clauses came up
he intended to bring in an amendment with
regard to balconies in narrow streets; at
present he was not prepared with the amend-
ment.

When clause 132, dealing with requirements
as to cubicles in existing buildings, was reached,
His EXCELLENCY said that they had
calculated that the new regulations
would remove from 30,000 to 40,000
people. But if only two cubicles were to be
allowed on a floor he was under the impression
that at least 100,000 people would be removed.

The HON. MR. CHIEF OF HEALTH sug-
gested that the difficulty would be met by
allowing three cubicles instead of two.

Sub-section 9 was as follows:—"No cubicle
or room used for sleeping purposes shall have a
less floor area than 100 square feet and a less
length or width than 7 feet."

Hon. Dr. HO KAI proposed, and it was
agreed, to add the following:—"Unless such
cubicle or room has a window opening direct
into the external air and having a total glazed
area of not less than one-tenth of the floor area
of such cubicle or room; in which case the
floor area of such cubicle or room shall not be
less than 64 square feet."

Besides the amendments given above, a number
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clauses.

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ENQUIRY INTO COLLAPSES OF
BUILDINGS.

PRAYA E. ST.

Yesterday afternoon, before Mr. F. A.
Hazelard and a common jury, an official
enquiry was opened into the circumstances
attending the fatal collapse at 45, Praya East,
on 2nd August last, resulting in the death of
thirteen Chinese. Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, Crown
Solicitor, appeared on behalf of the Govern-
ment, Mr. H. W. Lockyer of the architects,
Messrs. Leigh and Orange, and Mr. C. D.
Wilkinson of the contractor, Messrs. Ma W. Mr.
A. S. Hooper watched the case on behalf of the
owners, the Land Investment Company, of which
he is secretary.

The jury were—Edwardo Pereira,
Albrecht Wilhelm Schullas, and Thomas
Forgan.

Mr. Bowley addressed the jury and asked
them to dismiss from their minds any precon-
ceived opinions they might have formed
regarding the collapse. As to the house, it was
a four-story one standing at the corner of Praya
East and Nallah Lane, Wanchai. On the night
of the collapse the top floor was unoc-
cupied, but the second, first and ground floors
were, the last by a baker. There was a typhoon
in the vicinity of the Colony on 2nd August
last, and between 10 p.m. and 10.30 p.m. the
wind, according to the instruments at the
Observatory, had a maximum speed of 87
miles an hour. Very soon afterwards, how-
ever, before the collapse, the wind dropped,
and the storm passed away. Survivors of
the accident would be called to show
that the house was properly shut up before it
fell, and that those inside were not taking
much notice of the typhoon. About one
o'clock at night the occupants of the first
floor noticed that water was coming through
the ceiling, and sent up to make enquiries.

Very soon afterwards the house suddenly fell
upon them, and a witness would be called who
would say that he heard no premonitory indica-
tions that the house was giving way—simply
one crash like thunder, and then he was
surrounded by ruins and rendered insensible. A
military sergeant of police who had called on
the Hongkong Police Force was in the Praya
East Hotel, about twenty or thirty yards
from the place of the accident, at about ten
o'clock, and when he and a companion came out
at about ten minutes past ten there was no wind
blowing and the rain had stopped, although
only at that moment. Whilst standing on the
pavement he heard a crash, and looking round
in the direction of the noise he found that the
top story of 45, Praya East had fallen into
Stene Nallah Lane. He immediately gave the
alarm to the police, and they commenced getting
the people out of the adjoining houses. Whilst
engaged in this work, and some five minutes
after the first collapse, this witness would
tell the jury that the second and first floors
also collapsed, and that fire broke out in the
ground floor. The police procured a hose and
after half an hour's work the fire was subdued.

During the progress of the fire there was a
third collapse, that of the verandahs of the
second and first floors, which fell into the
Praya. Efforts were then concentrated in
getting the unfortunate people out of the ruins,
and that night the police recovered six bodies
and a boy of 13, who died next day. On that
day the work was continued, and six more
bodies were taken out. What the jury had to
contend with, Mr. Bowley was to find out
whether anybody was to blame for this accident,
whether anybody was guilty of culpable negli-
gence in discharging any duty that might have
devolved upon him in respect of this house.

The house was practically a new one, and with
others adjoining was the property of the
Hongkong Land Investment Company. The
architects were Messrs. Leigh and Orange, one
of the most responsible and experienced firms
in the Colony, who invited tenders and drew
up plans and specifications for the construction
of 27 houses for the Land Investment
Company. Ultimately a contract was entered
into with a Chinaman who trades under the
name of Ma W. and who has been a
contractor in Hongkong for 25 years. Messrs.
Leigh and Orange also engaged on behalf of the
owners two overseers, and in the carrying out
of the work the architects were entrusted with
its supervision and in seeing that it progressed
in accordance with the plans and specifications.

In dealing with the case, the jury would have
to bear in mind that each person was responsible
for his own branch of the work, and was not
excused by the neglect of another. Most of
the evidence in the case would turn probably
upon the construction of the walls. The side
wall was 66 feet in height, and the Ordinance
required that such a wall should be 22 inches
thick on the ground floor stories, 18 inches
on the next two stories above, and 14 inches
on the top story. These were the minimum
requirements of the law. The wall was 43 feet
11 inches long, without any return or cross
wall. The Public Works Department had
not taken the trouble to exercise discretion
in any way by adding to the thickness
of this wall, so it was to be assumed that
the Department approved of it. The cost
for the 27 houses was \$82,500, including certain
extras. As to the materials, the jury would
probably find that the bricks were good but
that the mortar was poor. There had been a
deviation from the plan, concluded the Crown
Solicitor, and owing to this there had been
formed a sort of recess in the wall into which
the wind blew. If the houses had been con-
structed as originally planned that recess would
not have been there and the wind could not
have got into it.

Evidence of a formal nature having been
taken, Assistant-Sheriff Hooper, secretary of
the Land Investment & Agency Co., was called,
and detailed the history of the houses and the
nature of the contract. Ma W. the contractor,
he had known of and on for ten years, and
had always found him a good man for that
class of work. The remuneration of the
architects, Messrs. Leigh and Orange, who also
supervised and superintended the work,
was five per cent. on the total cost of the
building. A man named Maher succeeded
another called Broad as overseer; Maher
was employed from April, 1900, till the
completion of the house and had a salary of
\$50 per month. Under the contract the houses
were to be completed on 1st December, but
they were not finished until a little later—in
February. They were certified by the P.W.D.
to have been built in accordance with the pro-
visions of the Ordinance. Witness had no
recollection of being consulted by the archi-
tects, during the progress of the work, with
regard to any deviation from the plans
deposited, but he had not the slightest doubt
that it was brought to the notice of his
Company.

The enquiry was subsequently adjourned till
Monday at 2.15 p.m.

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Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th December, 1902. [3316]

LOST.

ON the evening of Tuesday, the 9th inst., at
the L.R.C. Dance at the City Hall, or on
the way there from the Peak Tramway, a
DIAMOND and PEARL SPRAY BROOCH.
Finder will be rewarded on returning to—
B. LAYTON,
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Hongkong, 11th December, 1902. [3424]

Skin-Tortured Babies
AND TIRED MOTHERS
Find Comfort in Cuticura

INSTANT RELIEF and refreshing sleep for Skin-tortured Babies and
rest for Tired Mothers in warm baths with CUTICURA SOAP, and
gentle anointings with CUTICURA OINTMENT, the great skin cure and
purest of emollients, to be followed in severe cases by mild doses of
CUTICURA RESOLVENT PILLS, to cool and cleanse the blood. This is
the purest, sweetest, disfiguring, itching, burning, bleeding, scaly,
crusted, and pimply humours, eczema, rashes, irritations, and
itchings, with loss of hair, of infants and children, yet compounded.

MILLIONS USE CUTICURA SOAP

Assisted by CUTICURA OINTMENT, for preserving, purifying, and beautifying
the skin, for cleansing the scalp of crusts, scales, and dandruff, and the
stopping of falling hair, for softening, whitening, and soothing red, rough,
and sore hands, for baby rashes, itchings, and chafings, in the form of baths
for annoying irritations and inflammations, or too free or offensive perspiration,
in the form of washes for ulcerative weaknesses, and for many sanative,
antiseptic purposes which readily suggest themselves to women, especially
mothers, and for all the purposes of the toilet, bath, and nursery. No other
medicated soap ever compounded is to be compared with it for preserving,
purifying, and beautifying the skin, scalp, hair, and hands. No other
foreign or domestic toilet soap, however expensive, is to be compared with
it for all the purposes of the toilet, bath, and nursery. Thus it combines
in ONE SOAP at ONE PRICE, the best skin and complexion soap, and the
best toilet and baby soap in the world.

CUTICURA RESOLVENT PILLS (Chocolate Coated) are a new, tasteful,
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VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

To ascertain the anchorage of any Vessel, the Harbour has been divided into Four Sections, commencing from Green Island. Vessels anchoring nearest Kowloon are marked 1, nearest Hongkong, 2, midway between Hongkong and Kowloon, and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf, &c., together with the number denoting the section.

1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's.
2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier.
3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard.
4. From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & REG.	BERTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON, &c., via PORTS OF CALL.	BANGAL	Brit. str.	—	A. L. Valentini	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 20th inst. at Noon.
LONDON	PELUS	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 6th January.
AMSTERDAM & LONDON	ANTHONY	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 20th January.
LIVERPOOL DIRECT	ULYSSES	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 23rd inst.
LIVERPOOL DIRECT	ALCANTARA	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 15th inst.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE, CHAMBERS, & BALTIC PORTS	PRINCESSE MARIE	Dan. str.	—	Berentzen	MELCHERS & CO.	On 15th inst. at 1 P.M.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE, LONDON & ANTWERP	INDUS	Frean. str.	—	Duchateau	MELCHERS & CO.	On 15th inst. at 1 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	TEENAI	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 20th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	SADO MARU	Jap. str.	—	S. J. G. Parsons	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 27th inst. at Daylight.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & AMSTERDAM	COBALT	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 16th January.
BREMEN, via PORTS OF CALL.	BRUNNEN	Ger. str.	2 m.	H. Blocker	MELCHERS & CO.	On 24th inst. at Noon.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SUEVIA	Ger. str.	—	Bork	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 17th inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	NURNBERG	Ger. str.	—	Jahrg	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 13th January.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SILESIA	Ger. str.	—	Dahl	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 27th January.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	WURZBURG	Ger. str.	—	v. Bizer	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 10th February.
GENOA, LONDON & ANTWERP	C. F. LAEISZ	Ger. str.	—	Fuchs	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 24th February.
GENOA & HAMBURG	REINHOLD	Brit. str.	—	Wallace	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	On or about 19th inst.
NAPLES, LEGHORN & LONDON	STRASSBURG	Ger. str.	—	Madsen	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 31st inst.
TRIESTE, &c., via SINGAPORE, &c.	HYSON	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 22nd inst.
NEW YORK, via PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	VINDOBONA	Ans. str.	—	Cobel	SANDE, WELER & CO.	On 18th inst. P.M.
NEW YORK, via PORTS	ORONO	Brit. str.	—	—	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	To-day.
VANCOUVER, via SHANGHAI, &c.	ADRIA	Ger. str.	2 m.	Schneerschmidt	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 30th inst.
VANCOUVER, &c., via NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	EMPEROR OF JAPAN	Brit. str.	—	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 17th inst. at Noon.
VICTORIA (B.C.) & SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, &c.	KINGSTON	Brit. str.	3 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 27th inst.
VICTORIA (B.C.) & SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, &c.	KINSHU MARU	Jap. str.	—	T. L. Pyne	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 16th inst. at 4 P.M.
VICTORIA (B.C.) & SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, &c.	SHINANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	A. Dixon	DODWELL & CO., LIMITED	On 17th inst.
PORTLAND, OREGON	INDRAJIT	Brit. str.	2 m.	M. J. Currow	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 30th inst. at 4 P.M.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	OKINGTO	Brit. str.	—	R. P. Carver	PORTLAND & ASTORIA S.S. CO.	On 20th inst.
YOKOHAMA, via SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	E. W. Haswell	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 29th inst.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	CANTON	Brit. str.	—	C.F. Lockstone, R.N.R.	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 1st January, at 4 P.M.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	SANUKI MARU	Jap. str.	—	W. Townsend	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 2nd Jan. at Daylight.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	TAMBA MARU	Jap. str.	—	J. W. Wals	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 16th inst. at Daylight.
CHIEFOO & SHINWANTAO	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	A. E. Moses	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 27th inst. at Noon.
SHANGHAI	LIANG	Ger. str.	—	Scholz	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 16th inst.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	LOONGMOON	Frean. str.	—	Flandia	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	To-day, at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	WUJONG	Brit. str.	2 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On or about 15th inst.
SHANGHAI	CHIHUI	Brit. str.	2 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 16th inst.
SHANGHAI	BAIJALAN	Brit. str.	—	F. R. Summers	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Quick despatch.
SHANGHAI, PORT ANKER & VLADIVOSTOK	KORONA	Rus. str.	—	Pernis	MELCHERS & CO.	Quick despatch.
TIANJIN, via SWATOW & AMOY	DANG MARU	Jap. str.	1 m.	T. W. Groves	OSAKA SHOSSEN KAISHA	On 14th inst.
FOOCHOW, via SWATOW & AMOY	ANPING MARU	Jap. str.	1 m.	I. Goto	OSAKA SHOSSEN KAISHA	On 17th inst.
AMOY, SAMARANG & SOERABAYA	MAIDUBU MARU	Jap. str.	1 m.	T. Saito	OSAKA SHOSSEN KAISHA	On 24th inst.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW	HAIRONG	Brit. str.	—	Gibson	DOUGLAS LAFRAIR & CO.	To-day, at 4 P.M.
CEBU & ILOILO	AMPORE	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 15th inst.
MANILA	ROSETTA MARU	Brit. str.	2 m.	E. W. Haswell	MELCHERS & CO.	On 17th inst. at Noon.
MANILA DIRECT	RUBI	Brit. str.	2 m.	R. B. Rodger	SHAW, TOMES & CO.	On 24th inst. at Noon.
MANILA DIRECT	ZAPRI	Brit. str.	—	J. G. Spence	DAVID SASSOON & CO., LTD.	On 17th inst. at 3 P.M.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	LIGHTNING	Brit. str.	2 m.	Belatio	CARLOWITZ & CO.	To-day, at Noon.
BOMBAY, via SINGAPORE & COLOMBO	CAPRI	Ital. str.	—	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 2nd January, at Noon.
BOMBAY	BOMBAY MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	—	—

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
Dec. 11, FRITHJOF, Norw. str., 591, Haraldsen, Haiphong via Hoihow 10th Dec., Rice, S. N. D. WIELER & CO.
Dec. 11, INDRAMAR, British str., 3,366, R. P. Carver, Portland, Or., 4th Nov., General Agent, A. E. Moses.
Dec. 11, WUJONG, British str., 1,350, Stricker, Waha and Chinkiang 6th Dec., Rice, BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
Dec. 12, APOKARAD, German str., 611, A. P. Ullrich, Haiphong and Pukhoi 10th Dec., General Agent, J. E. J. & CO.
Dec. 12, CHINA, German str., 1,113, Krubbs, Samarang 11th Dec., Sugar, BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
Dec. 12, L. DEX, Norw. str., 757, C. Meyer, Chinkiang 7th Dec., Rice, ORDEN.
Dec. 12, MICHAEL JENSEN, German str., 710, J. Jensen, Haiphong 7th Dec. and Hoihow 10th, General Agent, J. E. J. & CO.
Dec. 12, OUDICK, British str., 2,517, Barber, Singapore 6th Dec., General Agent, BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
Dec. 12, P. O. NORTHERN, Norw. str., 1,423, Lursby gen., Munoran 3rd December, Coal, —MAGRE.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.
12th December.
Peninsular, British str., for Singapore.
Eastern, British str., for Yokohama.
The French str., for Kwangchow.
Lokang, Norw. str., for Canton.
Lokang, British str., for Shanghai.
Suevia, Norw. str., for Singapore.
Whangon, British str., for Shanghai.
Whangon, British str., for Hoihow.
Wuhu, British str., for Canton.

DEPARTURES.

12th December.
EASTERN, British str., for Yokohama.
KING, British str., for Australia.
HERMES, Norw. str., for Chinkiang.
HOBOW, British str., for Shanghai.
HOK, French str., for Kwangchow.
LOKSANO, British str., for Shanghai.
OSAKA, British str., for Amoy.
ROBT. DICKINSON, British str., for Swatow.
SENTIS, Norw. str., for Canton.
SHANGHAI, British str., for London.
TAISANG, British str., for Canton.
VICTORIA, British str., for Amoy.
YAMAPPA, British str., for Shanghai.
WHANGON, British str., for Hoihow.
WUJONG, British str., for Canton.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

12th December.
ABERDEEN DOCK.—Kinsaku Maru.
KOWLOON DOCK.—H.G.M.S. Tiger, Bagdo, Tacoma, Phraung, Loyat, Argus, Taifu, Kueiyang, Kwong Yeh, H.G.M.S. Furst Bismarck.
COSMOPOLITAN DOCK.—U.S.S. Monterey.

SHIPPING REPORT.

The British steamer Indramar, from Portland, Or., 4th Nov., had clear weather and moderate W.N.W. wind to Hieshan Island. From Hieshan Island to Chapel Island strong N.E. monsoon, misty weather and continuous heavy rain. From Chapel Island to Pedro Sings moderate N.E. monsoon, showery and fine generally. From Pedro Blanco to port variable light winds and fine, clear weather.

NATAL LINE OF STEAMERS.

THE Undersigned GENERAL AGENT in CHINA and JAPAN for the above LINE are prepared to issue THROUGH BILLS OF LADING for all the principal ports in SOUTH AFRICA, in connection with INDU-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'s fortnightly service hence to CALCUTTA. Sailings from CALCUTTA for CAPT. PORTS every fortnight. For Freight and further particulars, apply to
DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,
General Agents for China and Japan.
Hongkong, 4th August, 1897.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA.
(Fiorio and Rubattino United Companies.)

STEAM FOR BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE AND PENANG.

Having connection with Company's Mail Steamers to ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MESSINA, NAPLES, LEGHORN and GENOA, also VENICE and TRIESTE, all MEDITERRANEAN, ADRIATIC, IONIAN and SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS up to CALLOA. (Taking Cargo at through rates to PRESTAN GULF and BAGDAD, also BARCELONA, VALENCIA, ALICANTE, ALMERIA and MALAGA.)

THE Steamship

"CAPRI".
Captain Belsito, will be despatched as above TO-DAY, the 12th inst. at Noon.
At Bombay the Steamer is discharging in Victoria Dock.
For further particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to
CARLOWITZ & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 5th December, 1902.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

(ORIENTAL S.S. CO.)
REGULAR SERVICE BETWEEN HONGKONG AND MANILA IN 48 HOURS.

THE Company's well-known Steamship

"ROSETTA MARU".
3870 Tons, Captain N. Tate, will be despatched for MANILA, TO-DAY, the 13th inst. at Noon.
To be followed by the "ROHILLA MARU", on or about the 19th inst. at 4 P.M.
Magnificent Accommodation. Comfortable Cabins. Excellent Table. Unrivalled Speed. Electric Light. Doctor and Stewardess carried.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA,
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HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

FOR SHANGHAI.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to TSINGTAU, CHINKIANG and HANKOW.)
THE Steamship
"LOONGMOON".
Captain Schulz, will be despatched for the above port TO-DAY, the 13th inst. at 4 P.M.
This Steamer has superior accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers.
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Hongkong, 12th December 1902.

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK.

VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL (WITH LIBERTY TO CALL AT PHILIPPINE PORTS).

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

1902
"ORONO" ... On 13th Dec.
"CROYDON" ... About 27th Dec.
"MOGUL" ... 6th Jan.
"HINDUSTAN" ... 15th Jan.
"MACDUFF" ... To follow.
"SHIMODA" ... To follow.
For Freight and further information, apply to
DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 12th December, 1902.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.'S

ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN, AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA AND VICTORIA, B.C.

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"Empress" Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse-Power—Speed 19 knots.

SAYING THREE TO SEVEN DAYS ACROSS THE PACIFIC.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

R.M.S. "EMPERESS OF JAPAN"	6,000 Tons.	WEDNESDAY, 17th Dec.
R.M.S. "ATHENIAN"	3,882 Tons.	WEDNESDAY, 31st Dec.
R.M.S. "EMPERESS OF CHINA"	6,000 Tons.	WEDNESDAY, 14th Jan.
R.M.S. "EMPERESS OF INDIA"	6,000 Tons.	WEDNESDAY, 11th Feb.
R.M.S. "TARTAR"	4,425 Tons.	WEDNESDAY, 25th Feb.
R.M.S. "EMPERESS OF JAPAN"	6,000 Tons.	WEDNESDAY, 11th Mar.
R.M.S. "ATHENIAN"	3,882 Tons.	WEDNESDAY, 18th Mar.
R.M.S. "EMPERESS OF CHINA"	6,000 Tons.	WEDNESDAY, 1st April.
R.M.S. "EMPERESS OF INDIA"	6,000 Tons.	WEDNESDAY, 22nd April.
R.M.S. "TARTAR"	4,425 Tons.	WEDNESDAY, 6th May.
R.M.S. "EMPERESS OF JAPAN"	6,000 Tons.	WEDNESDAY, 13th May.
R.M.S. "ATHENIAN"	3,882 Tons.	WEDNESDAY, 27th May.

THE magnificent TWIN-SCREW "EMPERESS" STEAMSHIPS of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA to VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS ("TARTAR" and "ATHENIAN" 14 DAYS), saving THREE DAYS to a WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL OVERLAND TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY, which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various ports at reduced rates, Good for 4, 6, 9, and 12 months.
SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

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Pender Street.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY).

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS	DESTINATIONS	SAILING DATES
TAMBA MARU	NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	TUESDAY, 16th Dec. at DAYLIGHT.
KINSHU MARU	VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE	TUESDAY, 16th Dec. at 4 P.M.
T. L. Pyne	U.S.A. via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	SATURDAY, 27th Dec. at DAYLIGHT.
SADO MARU	MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP—via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID	SATURDAY, 27th Dec. at Noon.
S. J. G. Parsons	NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	TUESDAY, 30th Dec. at 4 P.M.
A. E. Moses	VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE	TUESDAY, 30th Dec. at 4 P.M.
SHINANO MARU	U.S.A. via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	THURSDAY, 1st Jan. at 4 P.M.
M. J. Currow	SYDNEY and MELBOURNE via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	FRIDAY, 2nd Jan. at DAYLIGHT.
KUMANO MARU	KOBE and YOKOHAMA	FRIDAY, 2nd Jan. at Noon.
E. W. Haswell	BOHAI, via SINGAPORE and COLOMBO	FRIDAY, 2nd Jan. at Noon.
SANUKI MARU	BOHAI, via SINGAPORE and COLOMBO	FRIDAY, 2nd Jan. at Noon.
W. Townsend	BOHAI, via SINGAPORE and COLOMBO	FRIDAY, 2nd Jan. at Noon.
BOMBAY MARU	BOHAI, via SINGAPORE and COLOMBO	FRIDAY, 2nd Jan. at Noon.

Tickets issued to the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and Atlantic Steamers Round-the-World Tickets also issued. Between Moji and Kobe, 1st and 2nd Class through Passengers have the option of travelling by the Sanyo Railway.
For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office in Prince's Building First Floor, Charter Road.
A. S. MIHARA, Manager.

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP CO.
BOSTON STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
BOSTON TOW-BOAT COMPANY.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG,

VIA
SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA,

FOR
VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA,

IN CONNECTION WITH
NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

Steamer. Captain. Tons. Sailing Date.

TACOMA A. Dixon 2,811 December 17th

TREMONT J. Pantou 2,806 December 30th

VICTORIA J. Pantou 2,806 January 3rd

Steamers marked * have no passenger accommodation.

THE attention of Passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by this Line to the PACIFIC COAST and to the INTERIOR and EASTERN CITIES of the UNITED STATES and to EUROPE.

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DODWELL & COMPANY, LIMITED,
GENERAL AGENTS.

Hongkong, 15th November 1902.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL

STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI, VIA

STEAMERS TO SAIL ON

REMARKS.

YOKOHAMA, via SHANGHAI, MOJI and KOBE

(Passing through the Inland Sea)

SHANGHAI About 19th December

LONDON, &c. About 20th December

For MARSEILLES, PLYMOUTH and LONDON DIRECT

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E. A. HEWETT,
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Hongkong, 10th December, 1902.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS. SAILING DATES.

↑ BAYERN WEDNESDAY 24th December.

KONIG ALBERT WEDNESDAY 7th Jan., 1903.

PRINZESS IRENE WEDNESDAY 2nd Jan., 1903.

↑ DARMSTADT WEDNESDAY 4th Feb., 1903.

↑ KARLSRUHE WEDNESDAY 18th Feb., 1903.

↑ PREUSSEN WEDNESDAY 4th Mar., 1903.

↑ HAMBURG WEDNESDAY 18th Mar., 1903.

↑ PRINZ HEINRICH WEDNESDAY 1st April, 1903.

↑ SACHSEN WEDNESDAY 15th April, 1903.

↑ KLAUSCHOU WEDNESDAY 29th April, 1903.

↑ BAYERN WEDNESDAY 13th May, 1903.

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FROM	OUTWARDS.	STEAMERS	DUE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"TYDEUS"	On 13th December.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"TELEMACHUS"	On 31st December.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"PROMETHEUS"	On 8th January.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"PYRRHUS"	On 14th January.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"DIOMED"	On 28th January.	

FOR	HOMEWARDS.	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
LIVERPOOL DIRECT	"ALCINOUS"	On 15th December.	
(Taking Cargo at London Rates)	"ULYSSES"	On 23rd December.	
AMSTERDAM and LONDON	"PELEUS"	On 8th January.	
LONDON	"ANTENOR"	On 20th January.	
LIVERPOOL	"TYDEUS"	On 20th January.	

The S.S. "ALCINOUS" left Shanghai on the 11th inst., A.M., and is due here on the 14th inst. to load for Liverpool.

The S.S. "TYDEUS" left Singapore on the 8th inst., and is expected here on the 13th inst. For Freight, apply to

Hongkong 12th December, 1902. **BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, AGENTS.** 11

CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LD.

FROM	OUTWARDS.	STEAMERS	DUE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"NINGCHOW"	On 25th December.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"PAIKING"	On 22nd January.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"CHINGWO"	On 3rd February.	

FOR	HOMEWARDS.	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MARSEILLES, HAVRE, LON- DON and ANTIWERP	"TEENKAI"	On 20th December.	
NAPLES, LEGHORN and LONDON	"HYSON"	On 22nd December.	
MARSEILLES, HAVRE and AMSTERDAM	"OOPACK"	On 16th January.	

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VANCOUVER and all PACIFIC COAST POINTS, VIA NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	"NINGCHOW"	On 27th December.

The S.S. "OOPACK" from Glasgow and Liverpool, has arrived, and leaves for Shanghai 16-day.

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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	"WOOSUNG"	On 16th December.
CHIEFOO and CHINWANTAO	"HUNAN"	On 16th December.
SHANGHAI	"CHIHIL"	On 17th December.
CHEU and ILOILO	"KAIFONG"	On 18th December.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"CHINGTU"	On 29th December.

AMOI, SAMARANG and SOERABAYA. "KWEIYANG" On 22nd December. The attention of Passengers is directed to the superior accommodation offered by these steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried. Taking Cargo on through bills of lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports. Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for all New Zealand Ports and other Australian Ports. See Special Advertisement.

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Hongkong, 13th December, 1902.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG VIA MOI, KONG, PORTLAND, OREGON
OPERATING IN CONNECTION WITH THE OREGON RAILROAD & NAVIGATION CO.

STEAMSHIP	TONS	CAPTAIN	FOR	SAILING DATE
"INDRASAMHA"	5,187	R. P. Craven	December 20, 1902	
"INDRABELLI"	4,899	W. G. Craven	January 14, 1903	
"INDRAPURA"	4,899	A. E. Hollingsworth	February 14, 1903	

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Ports and all Eastern Canadian and United States Ports. For through rates of Freight and further information, communicate with or apply to

ALLAN CAMERON, GENERAL AGENT. [14]

Hongkong, 9th December, 1902.

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STEAMSHIP	TONS	CAPTAIN	FOR	SAILING DATE
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RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	Manila Direct.	17th Dec., at Noon.
ZAFIRO	2540	E. Rodgers	do.	24th Dec., at Noon.
DIAMANTE	1980	A. H. Noddy		
PERLA	1980	J. McGinty		

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., GENERAL MANAGERS. [2981]

Hongkong, 11th December, 1902.

OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	LEAVING
TAMSUI, VIA SWATOW AND AMOI	"DAIGI MARU"	SUNDAY, 14th December.
TAMSUI, VIA SWATOW AND AMOI	"DAIYU MARU"	SUNDAY, 21st December.
FOOCHOW, VIA SWATOW AND AMOI	"ANPING MARU"	WEDNESDAY, 17th December.
ANPING, VIA SWATOW AND AMOI	"MAIDZURU MARU"	WEDNESDAY, 24th December.

The Co.'s new Steamers are specially designed for the coast trade of South China and Formosa, and are fitted with all modern improvements. Excellent accommodation is provided for first-class passengers, and a duly qualified doctor is carried.

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Steamers will go alongside the Co.'s Pontoon at the Customs water-front premises at Tamsui to land all passengers and cargo.

By the Co.'s steamers for Shanghai, through Bills of Lading are issued for Cargo to Yangtze River Ports, as well as for North China Ports, in connection with the Nippon Yusen Kaisha's steamers from Shanghai.

For Freight, Passage, and further information, apply to Company's local Branch Office at No. 2, Des Voeux Road Central.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1902. **T. ARIMA, Manager.** 115

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Hongkong, 31st October, 1902. [235]

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"PRINSESSE MARIE," Captain Berntzen, due here about the 10th inst., will have quick dispatch as above. For Freight or Passage, apply to

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Hongkong, 2nd December, 1902.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

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Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M., Specie and Parcels until 3 P.M., on the 14th December. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.) Contents and Value of Packages are required. For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

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Hongkong, 3rd December, 1902.

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Hongkong, 29th November, 1902.

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For further particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWITT, Superintendent. [1]

Hongkong, 8th December, 1902.

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Hongkong, 8th December, 1902. [1981]

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Hongkong, 26th November, 1902.

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